

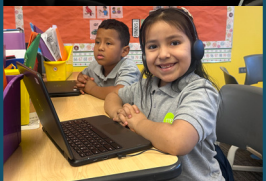
# INVEST FOR KIDS



Chicago's Premier Investable Ideas Event  
Supporting Chicago Youth  
October 28, 2026



*IFK 2026 Conference & Sponsorship Opportunities*



# ABOUT US

Founded in 2009, Invest For Kids hosts an annual Investable Ideas Conference that brings together the investment and financial services community with world-class speakers who share their market views, industry insights, and best ideas.

All proceeds from the conference are awarded via a rigorous grant application process to highly impactful local nonprofit organizations and support ongoing initiatives.

Through our grantmaking, Invest For Kids seeks to foster a rich ecosystem of organizations that lift up Chicago's most in-need youth from early childhood through college and career. Since our inception, Invest For Kids has raised and donated more than \$25 million.



*“Our award from Invest For Kids is that rare and unique opportunity not only for Camp for All Kids to provide more Chicago youth with experiential outdoor learning, but to focus resources on putting structure, systems, and personnel in place to continue our growth trajectory.”*

Mike Simons, Camp for All Kids | 2024 Grantee

## BY THE NUMBERS

**10,000+**  
attendees

**160**  
investment speakers

**\$25M**  
dollars raised

**100%**  
of dollars donated

**124**  
nonprofits supported

**\$200,000**  
average grant amount

# OUR CONFERENCE

For the past 17 years, Invest For Kids has been Chicago's flagship investment conference.

## The Conference

Our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2026, from 1:00-4:30pm, preceded by a networking lunch at 11:30am and followed by a cocktail reception at 4:30pm.

## Our Audience

The conference typically attracts over 1,000 guests and includes portfolio managers, investment advisors, analysts, family offices, and private investors.

## Our Speakers

The most well-known and successful investors in the world take our stage to share their best investment ideas with our audience, as well as their perspectives on macro-economic, political, and investment themes. 2026 speakers will be announced in late spring and kept up to date [here](#).

## Our Impact

IFK has awarded more than \$25 million to 124 local nonprofits serving Chicago youth since 2009.

**“Invest For Kids consistently showcases brilliant speakers and well-researched ideas. Investments I’ve made based on the conference have yielded meaningful returns, and giving some of that back as a sponsor has been truly rewarding.”**

Emily Sammon | IFK Sponsor



**VIEW PAST SPEAKERS**  
(2009-2025)

# BECOME A SPONSOR

**We invite you to join us as a conference sponsor, becoming an invaluable part of the Invest For Kids community!**

It's a fantastic investment – you'll simultaneously be supporting the convening and cross-pollination of ideas among Chicago's investment community and contributing directly to amazing nonprofits doing important work in the city.

All levels of conference sponsorship offers brand recognition opportunities across a variety of meaningful channels throughout the year and at the event. This includes website recognition, inclusion on e-blasts and in social media promotion, and in conference materials. Sponsors will also receive a specific allotment of conference tickets that can be utilized for employees, clients, or other professional contacts. Most importantly, your support allows high performing nonprofit organizations to receive the critical funding they need to provide programs and services to Chicago-area youth, their families, and their communities.

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL		CONFERENCE TICKETS	BRAND RECOGNITION
<b>Impact Supporter</b>	\$5,000	6	Text-based
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<b>Preferred Investor Circle</b>	\$15,000	20	
<b>Leadership Circle</b>	\$25,000	30	
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<b>Presenting Partner</b>	\$100,000	30+	

To discuss 2026 sponsorship opportunities contact Shane Morris at [shane@ifkchicago.com](mailto:shane@ifkchicago.com).

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In memory of:  
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## Visionary Partners \$50,000+

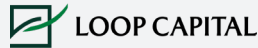


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## Leadership Circle \$25,000+



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# OUR IMPACT

Since 2009, Invest For Kids has supported 124 organizations. Our emphasis has always been on smaller organizations, where we believe our grant can be most impactful. Our focus areas include education, mentoring, enrichment, college access and career readiness, health and physical fitness, and social services. We look for quality programming, strong leadership, a dedicated board, measurable results, and scalability.

We aim to identify organizations at an inflection point: those ready to scale promising models or deepen proven impact. With an average grant size of \$200,000, our funding helps these nonprofits take their work to the next level.

**Do you know an organization that should be considered for a grant? Please contact Barbara Wolf, Director of Giving at [barbara@ifkchicago.com](mailto:barbara@ifkchicago.com)**



## 2025 GRANT RECIPIENTS



**VIEW PAST RECIPIENTS**  
(2009-2025)

# OUR TEAM

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